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**St. Louis-based Ascent Corp. Named Program Director/Owner's Rep
by SAVVIS for Completion/Commissioning of
127,000-Square-Foot Data Center in Santa Clara, Cal.**

Another St. Louis firm, Clayco, is contractor on fast-track project

SANTA CLARA, CA – St. Louis-based **Ascent Corp.** today announced that it has been named program director/owner's representative for the completion and commissioning of a 127,000-square-foot data center operated by St. Louis-based **SAVVIS, Inc.** (NASDAQ: SVVS) in north suburban Santa Clara, Cal. SAVVIS acquired the long term lease for the facility in its 2004 purchase of the assets of **Cable & Wireless America (CWA)**. The hosting center is currently expected to open in the first quarter of 2006 and begin full-scale operation in the second quarter of 2006.

“We are seeing rapidly growing demand for Tier-1 data center space. The supply surplus that marked the early part of the decade has been largely absorbed,” observed **Rob McCormick**, SAVVIS chairman and chief executive officer. “Our confidence in Ascent as a proficient program management partner is enabling us to capitalize on this market opportunity.”

“SAVVIS leads the industry in delivering managed hosting and utility computing to the enterprise marketplace,” said **Phil Horstmann**, president of Ascent. “Over 5,000 businesses count on SAVVIS to provide their IT infrastructure and the demand is growing. SAVVIS has set an aggressive launch date to meet this demand. We are putting all systems components through rigorous testing and commissioning to assure up-time, once operational.”

The SAVVIS data center will have all of the features demanded by corporate IT departments to support mission critical applications: For example:

- The data center will feature full system redundancy with all primary services (electrical, fire suppression, mechanical, monitoring) supported by multiple back-up systems.
- Security will include multiple physical and electronic security systems that will pre-screen approaching vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Upon entry, visitors will encounter security man-traps and card-key-enabled checkpoints, with every movement monitored by motion-activated surveillance cameras. Access to particularly critical areas, such as computer racks, will be controlled by bio-metric handprint cards.
- The data center will be directly connected to SAVVIS' award winning global network.

Ascent selected St. Louis-based contractor **Clayco** to complete the structure and critical systems.

“We felt Clayco was perfect for this assignment because of its decades-long record of making technically daunting, fast-track projects a reality,” said Horstmann.

In addition to providing turnkey program management during design, construction and commissioning, Ascent will provide on-going support when the facility opens. Ascent already oversees the 24/7 staffing, monitoring and maintenance of 3.5 million square feet of mission-critical facility space in 23 cities in North America and Europe.

“Our ability to provide owners of mission critical facilities with comprehensive turnkey service from conceptualization to on-going support and engineering services differentiates us in the industry,” said Horstmann.

SAVVIS, Inc. (NASDAQ: SVVS) is a global IT utility services provider that focuses exclusively on IT solutions for businesses. With an IT services platform, including 24 data centers, that extends to 47 countries, SAVVIS has over 5,000 enterprise customers and leads the industry in delivering secure, reliable, and scalable hosting, network, and application services. These solutions enable customers to focus on their core business while SAVVIS ensures the quality of their IT systems and operations. SAVVIS' strategic approach combines virtualization technology, a global network and 24 data centers,

and automated management and provisioning systems. For more information about SAVVIS, visit:
<http://www.savvis.net>.

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